

Appln. No. 10/648,895
Amendment
Reply to Office Action dated March 25, 2005

Docket No. 9585-4

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2005. This amendment is timely filed.

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-7 were pending. In the Office Action, objections were raised to the title, abstract and specification. Claims 1 and 4-6 were objected to for informalities. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The objections and rejections are discussed in more detail below.

I. Objections to the Title, Abstract and Specification

The title of the invention was objected to for not being descriptive. The abstract was objected to because it fails to describe the claimed invention. A substitute specification was recommended by the Examiner, and is attached herewith. Applicant has attempted to correct all instances of grammatical errors. No new matter is added. The amendments made to the specification in the substitute specification are shown herein in marked up form. The title and abstract are amended herein. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, a substitute specification is also enclosed. Withdrawal of the objections is thus respectfully requested.

II. Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 4-6 were objected to for informalities listed in the Office Action. The claims have been amended herein in accordance with the suggestions listed in the Office Action, and withdrawal of the objections are thus respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

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IV. Rejections to the claims based upon Art

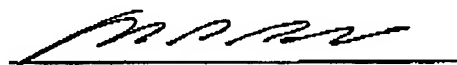
Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,835,665 to Kao ("Kao") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,903,219 to Chen ("Chen").

The emergency flashlight alarm of Kao is manually operated using the switch 24, and does not have a rope handle to activate the alarm system. The personal security device of Chen only includes one lamp. Neither reference teaches or suggests the use of at least three lamps provided on a single device in addition to a siren which is easily operated by pulling a rope handle. Additionally, there is no teaching or suggestion that at least one of the light sources is a cold cathode lamp. For these reasons, claim 1 is believed to relate to allowable subject matter. The dependent claims are also believed allowable because of their dependence upon an allowable base claim, and because of the further features recited.

V. Conclusion

Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is thus believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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